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Harassment of Harijans in Thanigaipolur.

* 1447 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government received any representation, dated 30th December 1954 from the Harijans of Thanigaipolur of Arkonam taluk, North Arcot district, through a Member of this House, complaining of the harassment of Harijans and the objections of caste Hindus to their taking a Harijan dead body to the burial ground through a public road? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Torture of one Appukutty by the police.

* 1448 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Secretary to the Madras Government has received any memorandum, dated 14th December 1954 from Keraleeya Viswakarma Vamsodharana Sangham, Kozhikode, alleging torture by the Police of Sri C. Appukkutty alias Ayyappan and his son in Kunnamangalam Police lock-up on 27th November 1954;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Executive First-class Magistrate, Kozhikode, inquired into the allegations and has come to the conclusion that the allegations are baseless."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know whether in the application given to the Chief Secretary, the applicant alleged that after his arrest one constable by name Gopalan Nair and one Palakode Moidu came to the applicant's house and said that if money was given, the persons would be released, whether any enquiry was made into these allegations and if so the result of the enquiry? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. All the allegations contained in the petition were enquired into and they were found to be false. The House will also be interested to know that the person concerned was charged with counterfeiting of coins. Naturally, his house was searched and, therefore, it is he is interested in making all these allegations against the police."

Grievances of village munsifs of Erode taluk.

* 1449 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any request from the village munsifs of Erode taluk for additional staff to assist them in the heavy additional work in connection with the Lower Bhavani Project; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) & (b) No representation was received by the Government during the past two years."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" கீழ்பவானி பாசனப் பிரதேசத்தில் ஒரு லட்சத்து இருபதாயிரம் எக்கரா வரையில் பாசனவசதி கிடைக்குமென்று எதிர்பார்க்கப்படுகிறது. அதனால் ஈரோடு தாலூகாவிலுள்ள கிராம அதிகாரிகளுக்கு வேலை அதிகரிக்கக்கூடும், அதனால் அதிகமான சிப்பந்திகளைப் போட்டு அவர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்யவேண்டும் என்று ஈரோடு தாலூகா கிராம முன்சீபுகள் சர்க்காரைக் கேட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் என்று பத்திரிகையில் வந்திருந்தது. அம்மாதிரிப் பிரதேசத்தில் கிராமாதிகாரிகளுக்கு வேலை அதிகமாயிருக்கிறதென்பதை முன்னிட்டு இன்னும் அதிகமான கிராமாதிகாரிகளை நியமிப்பதற்கோ, கிராம உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கு ' அலவன்ஸ் '-ஐ அதிகப்படுத்தவோ சர்க்காருக்கு உத்தேசம் இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, if a representation is made, it will be considered."

Cottages for the ex-tuberculosis patients at Tambaram.

* 1450 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cottages provided for ex-tuberculosis patients at Tambaram;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Government in 1954 to provide the inmates with midday meal and to pay them wages;

(c) the maximum and minimum wages earned by the patients;

(d) whether they are bound to stay in the colony and bound to execute the printing works of the Government Press;

(e) the different kinds of work extracted from the patients both part-time and the wages paid to them for the work; and

(f) what are the proposals for improving the colony under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Fifteen.

" (b) The Government have sanctioned the payment of wages at the rate of rupee one per head per day in addition to a free midday meal. This is estimated to cost Rs. 26,800.

" (c) Re. 1 in addition to a free supply of midday meal.

" (d) Yes.

" (e) Patients are given 4 hours work per day in (1) Binding Section, (2) Composing, and (3) Printing Work.

" (f) The Director of Medical Services has certain proposals under consideration for the improvement of the colony in connection with the Second Five-Year Plan. These proposals have not yet been received by Government."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, may I know why the patients are asked to work four hours daily and why should not the Government pay for the value of the work turned out by them? "